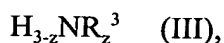


F¹ in which R¹ is a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated alkyl group having 1-9 C atoms or a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated aryl group, Y is a CH₂, O or S group, R² and R are each independently a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group and x = 0, 1 or 2 and y = 0, 1 or 2, where (x+y) ≤ 2, at a temperature in the range of 0-120°C over a period of 0.5-24 hours and with thorough mixing in an alcoholic medium which contains water and (1) a weak base or (2) a weak mono- or polybasic acid and a weak base, wherein said weak base of (1) and (2) is an alkylamine of formula (III):

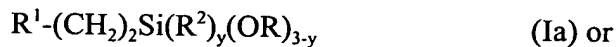


wherein R³ is a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or a linear, branched or cyclic aminoalkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group, z=1, 2 or 3 and groups R³ are identical or different, or (3) an acidic or basic salt, the water and alkoxysilane employed being in a molar ratio of 2-500:1; and then

applying the prepared fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosiloxane based composition to such materials.

41. (Amended) A method of protecting buildings and facades, comprising:

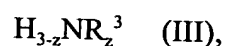
preparing a fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosiloxane based composition, which is essentially chlorine free, by the controlled hydrolysis of at least one fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosilane of formula Ia or Ib:



F² in which R¹ is a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated alkyl group having 1-9 C atoms or a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated aryl group, Y is a CH₂, O or S group, R² and R are each

independently a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group and $x = 0, 1$ or 2 and $y = 0, 1$ or 2 , where $(x+y) \leq 2$, at a temperature in the range of $0-120^{\circ}\text{C}$ over a period of $0.5-24$ hours and with thorough mixing in an alcoholic medium which contains water

FV and (1) a weak base or (2) a weak mono- or polybasic acid and a weak base, wherein said weak base of (1) and (2) is an alkylamine of formula (III):



wherein R^3 is a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or a linear, branched or cyclic aminoalkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group, $z=1, 2$ or 3 and groups R^3 are identical or different, or (3) an acidic or basic salt, the water and alkoxysilane employed being in a molar ratio of $2-500:1$; and then

applying the prepared fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosiloxane based composition to buildings and facades.--

REMARKS

Claims 40 and 42 have been canceled. Claims 29, 30, 39, 41, 43 and 44 are active in the case. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Zimmer for the indication of allowable subject matter in the application in the form of Claims 40 and 42. Accordingly, Claims 39 and 41 have been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claims 40 and 42, respectively, therein. The anticipatory ground of rejection is believed obviated and withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.